

REMARKS

The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks. Claims 21-49 are pending. The Office action dated December 13, 2005 [“Office action”] rejected claims 21-49 for obviousness-type double patenting in view of claims 1-30 of U.S. Patent No. 6,711,278.

The Applicants respectfully disagree with the obviousness-type double patenting rejections of claims 21-49 as well as the reasoning and characterizations of the claims expressed by the Examiner in the Office action. To expedite prosecution, however, the Applicants have submitted a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to U.S. Patent No. 6,711,278. The Terminal Disclaimer renders moot the double patent rejections.

Claims 21-49 should be allowable. Such action is respectfully requested.

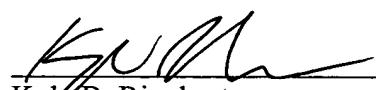
REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

The Applicants believe the application to be allowable. If any issues remain, however, the Examiner is formally requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (503) 226-7391 prior to issuance of the next communication in order to arrange a telephonic interview. This request is being submitted under MPEP § 713.01, which indicates that an interview may be arranged in advance by a written request.

Respectfully submitted,

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